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TIME WILL EDIT

1974 OPC DATELINE

Time Magazine has accepted the editorial responsibility for the eighteenth issue of Dateline, it was announced by Art Milton, who will assume the publisher's role once again.

Henry Grunwald, editorial director of Time Magazine, has appointed R. Edward Jackson, Time International Editor as editor of Dateline '74. Jackson is assembling a staff of top Time talent. The theme chosen "The Year of the Reporter," will honor the newspeople whose job it is to ferret out, research and write the myriad of stories that make newsrooms operational.

Other members of the committee include Len Silverman, advertising director, Will Yolen, circulation director, and Pat Milton, associated circulation editor.

It is interesting to note that 1974 is the Overseas Press Club's 35th Anniversary. Time Magazine also helped produce Dateline for the 25th Anniversary.

SEMINAR TO DISCUSS

BROADCASTING PROBLEMS

Starting February 19 and continuing once a week through April 9, the International Radio and Television Society will hold comprehensive seminars in New York on the legal problems of the broadcasting industry.

The two-hour meetings will cover subjects vital to anyone actively involved in radio and television — advertisers, network and station representatives, program syndicators, news and entertainment program producers, and is open to both members and non-members of IRTS.

Chairman of the Committee producing the seminar is Paul N. Sternbach. For detailed information and application blanks, call IRTS (212) 532-4546.

AP SURVEY FINDS WORLD-WIDE PRESS FREEDOM SHRINKING

In their annual survey, Associated Press Correspondents reported that press freedom in the world continued to lose ground in 1973. Local newspapers and broadcasting stations came increasingly under the control of their governments often invoked by wars and other upheavals.

However, there was one bright spot. The dispatches from foreign correspondents remained almost everywhere free from outright censorship, although the gathering of news was often hampered by subtle pressures or threats of expulsion and the lack of an independent local press, the correspondents' major source of news.

OUR MOVE

The OPC will move to the Biltmore Hotel, Madison Avenue and 43rd Street, on January 25. As the work on our permanent quarters will not be completed by the above date, the OPC will be temporarily located in the Petit Lounge on the first floor of the Hotel. The bar will be open from noon to 8 P.M., but only lunch will be served.

OPC BOARD VOTED FOR REDUCTION OF DUES

As announced in the last issue of the Bulletin, the Board of Governors at its meeting on December 20 unanimously voted to reduce the annual dues for resident working journalists qualified for active membership to \$75.

The passed amendment, spurred by the efforts to attract new members among the working press and radio-TV people in New York, reads:

"Annual dues for resident active members as defined in Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution shall be \$75."

The Board acted in accordance with the following provisions of the OPC constitution:

Article IV: "...entrance fees and annual dues for all classifications of membership shall be fixed in the By-laws." Article X, Section 8: "...The Board of Governors, by unanimous vote of a constitutional quorum present, may increase or lower dues..." Article XV authorizes the Board to amend the By-laws.

In Europe, outside the communist countries there (and elsewhere), Greece, Spain and Portugal have continued press censorship. Only in Greece, however, correspondents were subject to subtle pressure. Turkey has restored press freedom after 29 months of martial law.

In most of Africa, the situation has deteriorated. An extreme case was Uganda where the last correspondent was expelled. In South Africa, the relations between the government and the local English language newspapers worsened, and more than a dozen foreign newsmen were barred from Rhodesia.

In Asia, South Vietnam expelled two American and one Japanese correspondent and "self-censorship" was imposed on the local press. Freedom of the press in Cambodia deteriorated, but Thailand's new government promised to stress press freedom in the country's constitution. Newspapers in South Korea were restricted by national-security and anti-Communism laws. The martial-law in the Philippines continued to control the press. Restrictive, although unofficial, press censorship was effective in Singapore, Taiwan, and Indonesia, and the press in Laos was run by government officials. (The situation in Japan was reported in the December 15 issue of the Bulletin).

In Latin America, most governments kept some form of press control. Peron in Argentina closed the AP and UPI local transmission facilities. The military junta in Chile imposed harsh censorship, closed six dailies in Santiago and expelled several foreign correspondents. In Brazil local papers

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YOLEN VISITING OPC

MEMBERS IN FLORIDA

Past OPC president *Will Yolen* has left for Florida and, during his planned three or four weeks stay there, he expects to call on a number of our members in search of one willing and able to set up an OPC Region in the area.

Yolen's first stop is Sarasota. He can be reached there at the Sheraton-Sandcastle, phone (813) 388-2181. As president of the International Kite-fliers Association, a kite-flying champion and the author of a forthcoming Simon & Schuster "Complete Book of Kites and Kite Flying," he will participate in the Fifth Annual Flyoff on Saturday, January 19, on the Sandcastle Beach in Sarasota, trying for a new record of 151 kites on a single line.

In order to be physically fit for this arduous task which may take as long as five hours, Yolen said he has gone "into a rigorous training session, eschewing the fifth martini at lunch and going to bed before 2 a.m." After winning the flyoff championship, he will devote most of his time to OPC business, he promised.

Yolen, 65, has written "The Young Sportsman's Guide to Kite Flying" and several plays and books. He is the chairman of the OPC Publications Committee and, with past president *Will Oursler*, is the editor of the forthcoming OPC book "Newsbreak."

REGIONAL REPORTS

FROM TAIWAN

By AL KAFF

Mrs. **James Wei**, wife of the president of Central News Agency of Nationalist China, died in Taipei December 21 following a stroke. She was 58.

Her husband, **Jimmy Wei**, is well known to many foreign correspondents who have visited Taiwan over the past 25 years. Before heading Central News Agency, Jimmy was manager of Broadcasting Corporation of China and later director of the Government Information Office.

Mrs. Wei's funeral on December 31 was attended by hundreds of government, diplomatic and press leaders including Nationalist Vice President C. K. Yen and Premier Chiang Ching-kuo, first son of President Chiang Kai-shek.

Bill Glenn, OPC's only member in Taiwan, observed his 13th year on the Nationalist Chinese island December

29. Bill works for the Government Information Office and strings for several publications, including the Far Eastern Economic Review, published in Hong Kong and circulated throughout the world. Before Taiwan, Glenn worked eight years in South Korea.

Till Durdin, who is concluding 43 years of reporting from Asia and the Pacific, interviewed Nationalist Premier Chiang-kuo late in December in Taipei. Till is moving to Honolulu and will retire from The New York Times in April.

Elsewhere in Asia, *Baldev Kapoor* of New Delhi, the only OPC member registered as living in India, was a recent visitor to Tokyo and Hong Kong on photo-writing assignments.

Bob Trumbull of The New York Times and wife Jean spent the Christmas-New Year holidays in Hong Kong and Tokyo enroute to their new post in Ottawa from Sydney. Bob is one of the few American newsmen who witnessed both the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 and the Japanese surrender on the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay in 1945. Since World War II, Trumbull has reported from every country in Asia except Outer Mongolia and has been based in Tokyo, Manila, Singapore, New Delhi, Hong Kong and Sydney.

FROM BONN

By CARL KOCH

House warming: the Don Farmers of ABC (wife Chris also a scribe) holding open house at Yuletide with 100 or so dropping in including Bruce Nelan (Time); Mike Kubic and Roy Koch (Newsweek); Jack Sheahan (CBS); Joe Alex Morris (LATimes); Craig Whitney (NYTimes); John Goshko (WashPost); George Vine (Reuters); David Shears (Ldn Telegraph); *Carl Koch* (Industry Week) among others. **Merging:** Craig Whitney (NYTimes) with Heidi Witt of Bonn Newsweek staff in '74. **Conferring:** Tom O'Brian (VP-ABC radio news); Ed DeFontaine (Westinghouse); Otto Doelling (AP) and others at world-wide AFN radio and TV service news seminar in Frankfurt. **Away:** David Nagy (UPI-Bonn) transferring to UPI-Washington. **Politiking:** Close vote in Bonn foreign press club (VAP) opens door to East German scribes. **Head rolling:** Some 60 Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty staffers in Munich taking the tumbrel to unemployment as the two government-run stations tighten belts on reduced budgets. RL also getting the monopoly on Russian monitoring which had been duplicated by RFE to now. **Full circle:** George Bailey leaving Berlin for NYC for Axel Springer's foreign news service.

FCC COMMISSIONER

DEFENDS NEWSMEN

Former Federal Communications Commissioner Nicholas Johnson offered strong defense for several broadcast newsmen, accused of 'slanted' reporting against the Administration. His platform was station WPEN AM-FM, Philadelphia, on the program, *Close Up*, hosted by OPC Mid Atlantic co-chairman *Paul Mason*.

Deputy Special Assistant to the President, Dr. John McLaughlin, had made strong attacks on NBC's John Chancellor, CBS's Dan Rather, and reporter-commentator Martin Agronsky in Washington. Using the occasion of Johnson's resignation from the FCC, Mason told of the White House comments and asked Johnson's feelings, about what the White House staffer had said on the program (Bulletin-12/15/73).

"I know all three of these reporters very well," Nick Johnson emphasized. "They represent the very highest standards of journalism, and are each a special credit to their profession."

Johnson praised the U.S. Press generally, but said he found Washington reporting during his decade in the capital "a cut or two above all the rest in their dedication and professionalism."

Johnson resigned at the FCC when President Nixon did not secure confirmation of a replacement some five months after the end of the FCC term. Johnson said he is returning to Iowa to practice law, but may try for the Congressional seat of H.R. Gross.

ISRAEL TOUR SET FOR

WORKING JOURNALISTS

"To provide media people with an opportunity to learn more about Israel's problems and achievements," the American Zionist Federation is sponsoring a 10-day tour of Israel for 25 American journalists, leaving New York February 17.

The tour, open only to prominent full-time journalists, writers, radio-TV newsmen and news program producers, is available at the cost of \$331, covering round-trip transportation, accommodations in first-class hotels, 3 meals a day, and tour of the country.

In Israel, the group will meet with government and other leaders, journalists and prominent personalities, as well as with "everyday" Israelis.

For further information: The American Zionist Federation, 515 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022, phone (212) 371-7750.

OBITUARY

Tom Compere, 66, who had headed his own public relations firm until his retirement last year, and who was day city editor of the N.Y. Herald Tribune in the 1930's and '40's, died on December 17, after a long illness at Memorial Hospital, New York City.

Mr. Compere, worked on many newspapers in Waco, Tex., New Orleans, and Memphis, and the Newark Star-Ledger and Bronx Home News before joining the Tribune.

He leaves his wife, the former Ruth Davis, two daughters, two brothers, and three sisters.

Christopher William Coates, 74, died on December 30 in a hospital at East Stroudsburg, Pa.

Coates was director of the New York Aquarium and was named its curator emeritus after his retirement in 1956. For many years he wrote a column on tropical fishes for The New York Sun and later for The New York World-Telegram and The Sun.

Born in 1899 on the present site of Rockefeller Center, he had a home in Brooklyn and since 1964 lived on a 45-acre farm in East Stroudsburg. He leaves his widow, Lilo Henn, an author of children's books, and two brothers and three sisters who live in England.

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"GUTSY" CITY MAGAZINES REPLACE "PUFF SHEETS"

"City magazines edited to make businessmen happy really don't make them happy because they don't work," according to John Peter, international publications consultant, in the December issue of FOLIO, a business magazine for the magazine industry published by Market Publications, New Canaan, Conn.

"Now a whole new breed of magazines has sprung up," said Peter. "They're gutsy, sophisticated, hard-hitting magazines, skillfully edited and usually designed to make real money for the very real investors who own them."

The once dominant Chamber of Commerce "puff sheets" no longer effectively represent their cities, reported Peter.

Examples of new and independent city magazines are *Philadelphia*, which has won two journalistic society awards for reporting, *Washington*, *San Diego*, *The Chicagoan*, recently bankrolled with \$1-million, and *Atlanta*, which started in 1961 with Chamber of Commerce backing, but recently became a separate corporation with its own Board of Directors.

Another prime example of the new breed is *New York*, which first appeared as the Sunday supplement of the old New York Herald Tribune. *New York's* strategy, says Peter, is to make itself indispensable to its readers, and this is one of the common denominators of the new city magazine journalism. Clay Felker, editor of *New York*, calls this "consumer journalism," reader's point of view. But they also don't take themselves too seriously, and they're lots of fun to read, according to Peter.

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED

Associate Resident

John G. C. Coleman, New York.

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are censored and foreign correspondents are closely watched.

Because of the war situation, most Middle East countries have military censorship (see story on Israel in the December 15 issue of the Bulletin). Lebanon, except on one occasion, was the only country in the area with a relatively free press.

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WhoWhatWhere

By GRACE NAISMITH

PUBLISHING EVENTS: Roy Hemming has four pages of excerpts from his new book, "Discovering Music," in the January issue of Stereo Review magazine. Four Winds Press will publish the book in April, which is based in part on material Roy has written for Scholastic Magazines. Spotlighted will be interviews with Van Cliburn, Leontyne Price, Arthur Fiedler, Seiji Ozawa, and other material on prominent musicians which interests young people in classical music. . . . **Ray Vicker**, European editor of The Wall Street Journal, reports from London that Scribner's will publish his book, "The Kingdom of Oil," in February. The book is a story of the Middle East, what makes it tick, he says, and why it is important to the U.S. It is based upon interviews with every head of government from the Sheikh of Abu Dhabi to Abdul Gamel Nasser.

NEW LOOK: Leslie Gordon Phillips is leaving New York for Los Angeles for a year or more. He has been a literary agent and editorial consultant here for 30 years and says his experience has given him the blessing of more people than he can reach at once, even with holiday greetings, which he sends to all OPC members. . . . **Michael A. Vaccaro** has been appointed picture editor of MD Medical Newsmagazine. He has previously served as a photojournalist on the staff of Flair, Look, and Venture. His specialties encompass the cultural, sociological, and scientific aspects of contemporary life. His international assignments include service in the Rome office of Time-Life, covering the Vatican and major aspects of Italian life and culture. During World War II, Vaccaro was a U.S. Army combat photographer with the 83rd Infantry Division and was later based in Germany to cover Europe for The Stars and Stripes. . . . Managing Editor **William J. Clew**, whose more than half a century with The Hartford Courant spans nearly a quarter of the newspaper's 209-year history of uninterrupted publication, retired Jan. 1. He observed his 50th anniversary with The Courant last Nov. 15. He will continue to write and in January and February will be on assignment in the Middle East, taking the opportunity to visit his son, Harvey T. Clew, vice-consul at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut and a former member of the news staff of the Washington Star-News.

HONOR: Grace Naismith has won first prize awarded by the International Health Foundation for Health Journalism for 1973. The article appeared in The Reader's Digest in October 1972 under the title, "How to Stop the VD Epidemic" and was printed in the French and German editions, among other foreign Digests. With it, 5000 Swiss francs . . . **Gordon Fraser**, who covered the Battle of the Bulge first hand for U.S. radio audiences 28 years ago, reminisced about the German attack on WPEN AM-FM, Philadelphia, during the Christmas holidays. Fraser was heard on a taped broadcast with interviewer **Paul Mason** on the program, "Close Up." Fraser retired during the past year at NBC.

GREETINGS: From **Paula Le Cler**, one of the original members of OPC days, back in the Time Life Building headquarters. She and her husband, Walter D. Wood, send New Year's best wishes to their OPC friends, especially **Joe Peters**, **Larry Blochman**, **Jim Whitford**, **Judge Allman** and **Will Oursler**. Their address: "Pollywollywood", 185 Westover Drive, Melbourne, Fla.

SEEN ON THE SCENE: **Wilhelmina De Kock**, who is with the Information Service of South Africa, introducing a new colleague from S.A. — **Ulrich Ruch**.



The Hon. Carol C. Laise, Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs and Former Ambassador to Nepal, with (left to right) James Foster, Scripps Howard Newspapers; John Barton, UPI; Michael J. Marlow, program host for AID, and Edward Meilan, Copley News Service, at WAMU-FM radio interview on the "Overseas Mission" program of the American University, Washington D.C., Mrs. Laise is the wife of Ellsworth Bunker, Ambassador at Large and former ambassador to Vietnam.

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